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February 27, 2004

Mr. Rex Abernathy
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In re: Joey Watkins

Dear Rex,

As I informed you in a recent telephone conversation, I have been retained to assist Mr. Bill O'Dell in filing an Application for Writ of Habeas Corpus on behalf of your former client, Mr. Joey Watkins, who was convicted of murder in Floyd Superior Court.

Please send the entire contents of Mr. Watkins' file to me at the above address. Time is of the essence. I am enclosing a properly executed release from Mr. Watkins.

I look forward to receiving all the materials on this case now in your firm's possession. Please give Nancy my regards. I hope your back is continuing to heal.

Sincerely,

Chris Frazier

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April 30, 2004

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In re: Joseph Watkins vs. Michelle Martin, Warden
Civil Action No. 04-A04773-2

Dear Rex:

I have filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus in Gwinnett County Superior Court on behalf of Mr. Joey Watkins.

As you will recall, I wrote to you on February 27 of this year requesting that Mr. Watkins' file be made available to us for copying. In that letter, I stated the following: "Please send the entire contents of Mr. Watkins' file to me at the above address. Time is of the essence. I am enclosing a properly executed release from Mr. Watkins."

You telephoned me on the morning of March 1 and expressed considerable irritation and annoyance about what you described as "the business-like tone" of my letter. You then proceeded to say how difficult and time-consuming it would be to have the copied, yourself. I then proceeded to discuss possible alternatives to avoid any inconvenience to you. My first suggestion was that you

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mail the file to me, and that I would have it copied and returned to you. You refused to do that, saying that you would turn it over to Mr. Bill O'Dell if he would drive to Summerville and pick it up. It's unclear what efforts, if any, Mr. O'Dell may have made toward that end.

In any event, Mr. John Weeks, a former F.B.I. agent now employed by Investigative Solutions of Atlanta, was directed to drive to your office (at a rate of \$200.00 per hour) to retrieve and copy the file. As we both know, Mr. Weeks was rebuffed. He was told, however, that you would turn the file over to Mr. Johnny Watkins, the father of my client, if both Mr. Watkins and Mr. O'Dell executed releases of some sort. Of course, the file is the property of Mr. Joey Watkins, and the only release that you need is the one that is already in your possession.

Our efforts to retrieve this all-important file have been to no avail, and two months is more than sufficient for your office to have acted. As a professional courtesy to you, and because of our prior relationship, I am extending to you one more opportunity to surrender the entire file to us for copying. If suitable arrangements have not been to produce the file to me, to Mr. O'Dell, or to Mr. Johnny Watkins by 5 p.m. Friday, May 7, I will have no choice and no hesitancy about filing a Motion to Compel in the Superior Court of Gwinnett County.

Please send the entire contents of Mr. Watkins' file to me at the above address. Time is of the essence. I am enclosing a properly executed release from Mr. Watkins.

While I find myself in an extremely uncomfortable and untenable position having to write this letter in this way, I don't feel that you've left me or the Watkins family with any alternative. With the recent decision in *Crawford vs. Washington*, and some astonishing discoveries that our investigators made this week while conducting an Open Records Act inspection of the Floyd County D.A.'s file, there is an excellent opportunity that we can get this young man's conviction set aside. If that should occur, it is doubtful that Mr. Watkins would be re-tried. While you may entertain

doubts about Mr. Watkins' guilt (of course, I certainly don't know whether this is an accurate perception), we're reasonably certain of the true perpetrator's identity and are confident that we'll be able to establish who actually killed Mr. Isaac Dawkins. I do know, or have been given to believe, that you volunteered to represent Mr. Watkins once again after becoming aware of the *Crawford* decision.

But it is this young man's fate, and not your ego or mine, which must supercede all other considerations at the moment. Every day that young Mr. Watkins sits in prison for something that he did not do is a disgrace to the already severely tarnished image of the judicial system. I'm certain that you would agree with this proposition.

In any event, I shall expect to receive the file, either directly from you, or indirectly from Mr. Johnny Watkins or Mr. Bill O'Dell, by the deadline I've found it necessary to set. I must have adequate time in which to prepare and amend the pending Petition. I look forward to receiving all the materials on this case now in your firm's possession without any further obstacles or delays. For whatever offense you may take at the tone and content of this letter, I apologize. My intention is not to insult but to represent a client as zealously as possible.

Sincerely,

Chris Frazier

cc: Mr. Joseph Watkins

Mr. Johnny Watkins

Mr. William O'Dell

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September 12, 2003

Ms. Michelle Martin
Warden
Phillips State Prison
4898 West Rock Quarry Rd.
Buford, GA 30519

In: Inmate Joseph Samuel Watkins
GDC 1086941
Lawyer visitation

Dear Ms. Martin:

Please accept this as my request to visit Joseph Samuel Watkins, an inmate at Phillips State Prison.

I understand that upon receipt of this request, I will be able to see him at 9:30 a.m. Monday, September 15, 2003. I will be accompanied by my wife, Monique, who is also my paralegal. I ask that she be allowed to participate in my interview of Mr. Watkins.

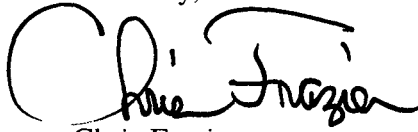
I am attempting to fax a copy of my State Bar card with this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me at the telephone number on my letterhead.

Thank you for your courtesy and professionalism in helping me arrange this visit.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Frazier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "F".

Chris Frazier

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May15, 2006

Judge Kathy Palmer
Middle Judicial District
125 South Main St.
Swainsboro, GA 30401

Re: Joseph Watkins vs. Michelle Martin
Civil Action No. 05-CV-336
Habeas Corpus

Dear Judge Palmer:

I have just opened an E-mail with an attachment from the Georgia Attorney General's office. In that attachment, the Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Jay Fisher, advises that my client, Mr. Joseph Watkins, has been transferred to Hancock State Prison in Sparta, and that Mr. Fisher is submitting, without a Motion or supporting legal authority, a transfer order for your signature.

I had an identical experience with this Attorney General's office in another habeas case, and I consider this sort of arrogant conduct now, as then, to be in the nature of an improper and highly presumptuous ex parte contact. I believe, at the very least, that a proper Motion and brief are required before such a request may properly be made. (I defeated an identical effort in the other habeas case

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after receiving a copy of the filed transfer order that was presented to, and signed by, the presiding judge, ex parte.)

This case has been transferred once before upon the Petitioner's Motion and without opposition from the Attorney General's Office. We most emphatically oppose a transfer in this case. If a case were transferred to another judicial circuit every time that the Georgia Department of Corrections (DOC), a client of the Attorney General, saw fit, capriciously, to house an inmate elsewhere, it would be extremely difficult (if not impossible) to prevent a habeas petition from being heard anywhere at any time. The DOC routinely transfers inmates without notice, and nobody on the inmate's side has any say in the matter. Hancock will be the third prison to house Mr. Watkins during the past four years. In the federal system, this practice is known by inmates as "diesel therapy."

Perhaps I am mistaken, but I do believe that the Attorney General and his staff are bound by the same laws, rules, and Code of Professional Responsibility as all other lawyers practicing in this state. If I am mistaken, please let me know.

I shall file a "hard copy" of this letter with the Clerk of Washington Superior Court.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Frazier". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Chris Frazier
Attorney for Joseph Watkins
Georgia Bar No. 274625

cc: Mr. Jay Fisher